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**Re: Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition moved to OPAMP BOOKS tonight.**

1 message

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Attention to all the supporters of the RELOCATE THE GWHFC MOVEMENT.

As of right now the GWHFC HAS MOVED ONE BLOCK NORTH OF ITS OLD LOCATION onto the property of OPAMP BOOKS on Sycamore Ave. The GWHFC is 50 feet from the old location. This is still unacceptable after 26 years of harassment and depravity. So the only response to this is to.....

BOYCOTT OPAMP BOOKS, AND CALL THEM ALL DAY LONG STARTING TOMORROW.

**Opamp Technical Books****1033 N. Sycamore Ave.****Los Angeles, CA 90038****WWW.OPAMP.COM****1 - 800 - 468 - 4322****8:00am-4:30pm M-F****9:00am-5:30pm Sat**

I hope everyone calls OPAMP BOOKS tomorrow and tells them what the neighborhood thinks about this. I personally have spent hundreds of dollars there buying production related text books.

I drove by the food line about 20 minutes ago and told the manager of OPAMP as he was locking up, that the entire neighborhood is against this organization and the phone calls to his store would start tomorrow. Let's not let this go any further.

WE HAVE THEM ON THE RUN!!!!!!

Unity.  
Alexander Polinsky

Dear sir.

From the bottom of my heart I thank you for supporting the people of my neighborhood sir. I maintain the home I grew up in, a lovely 90 year old Spanish home, one block from what I call "Ground Zero" or "The Hot Zone"

Feces, drugs, menacing psychotics, nude homeless men high on drugs on my lawn with a full erection, women shooting up and sleeping in my bushes leaving needles and blood soaked rags. Break ins..... I could go on.

Please keep up the support, I am prepared for some community action. Ted Landreth is a bully and his connection to Latham and Watkins has to be addressed. Does L&W know that the GWHFC is illegal and unwanted by the entire community?

Why is Tom Labonge sponsoring the creation of a ghetto in his community?

Why doesn't the health dept. just shut it down?

Thanks for your help.

If you are helping us, and we all get together, we can get the GWHFC OUT BY OCTOBER!!

Best,  
Alexander Polinsky

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 22, 2013, at 5:14 PM, "Howard, Rick" <rhoward@occidentalentertainment.com> wrote:

Dear Councilmember Labonge:

We have recently been forwarded several e-mails addressed to you from Hollywood residents and business people alike, who have vehemently complained about the many egregious problems the Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition brings into our neighborhood each and every day. These letters are notable in two meaningful respects: (1) they echo the complaints our company and many others have repeatedly



brought to you over the past year; and (2) they describe what, in our opinion, are the outrageous bullying tactics employed by Ted Landreth, the "Volunteer Secretary" of the food line, whose tactics appear to be intended to silence property owners with the threat of litigation. These residential neighbors, like us and countless other business people in the area, have credibly objected to Mr. Landreth's feeding program. We particularly object to Mr. Landreth invoking the name of Latham & Watkins into this matter for the apparent purposes of intimidation, as though he speaks on behalf of this prestigious law firm.

To be perfectly clear, it is unknown (i) whether Latham & Watkins has opined on the lawful standing of this unwieldy program given the well-documented havoc it has created in our neighborhood; (ii) whether the firm is prepared to get involved on Mr. Landreth's behalf as plaintiff's or defendant's counsel; or (iii) whether the firm is conflicted given its presumed representation of countless others whose interests are in conflict with Mr. Landreth and this program.

On this later point, and without unnecessary elaboration, our tenants and clients who have been adversely effected by this program includes several major studios, networks, production companies, record companies...; all of whom have had staff and talent complain about mentally ill, substance abusing vagrants who are attracted to our neighborhood by the food line, and who thereafter loiter in our streets causing havoc, harassment, and destruction. They wander our streets and defecate, urinate, vomit, discard used hypodermic needles and condoms, set fire to trash bins, break into cars, harass and assault people – and now, as you know, one of the food line's volunteers recently murdered a young woman over a dollar. Your office can no longer overlook this egregious matter, or allow a multitude of complaints to wallow in bureaucratic purgatory.

As stated before, our company owns a portfolio of real property assets with a net valuation in the 9-figures, which includes a dozen sound stages and more than three dozen commercial properties in and around the Hollywood area. We have countless high-profile entertainment tenants and clients who have strongly complained about blight and safety concerns precipitated by this poorly managed program, and we have lost business because of it. **Believe me when I tell you that they are not singing "Hooray For Hollywood."**

In our opinion, Mr. Landreth's program should not be permitted to hijack our neighborhood, and he should not be able to bully our neighbors or the City with the kind of bluster that has been described in the many letters to you from law-abiding citizens.

These are people who live and work in your District, and they are in fear for their safety and the destruction of their property. And yet you do nothing.

We reiterate our many demands that the City take all action necessary to relocate this program to a setting that does not adversely affect public well-being, and which competes with the legitimate commercial interests of those who have invested heavily in our neighborhood. This includes those homeowners who seek, and who are entitled to, the quiet enjoyment of their homes and the safety of public walkways. Our complaints merit your support and the support of Councilmember O'Farrell, and action by the City that is now long overdue. This additionally includes Mayor Garcetti, whose silence is likewise troubling.

Finally, it's notable that the food line's name is the Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition, and although the food line got its start in West Hollywood, the City leaders of West Hollywood had the good sense and good stewardship to outlaw these types of outdoor, unlicensed food lines in the best interests of their constituents. We are asking, read demanding, that you show the same respect, concern, and legislative representation for your constituents who are suffering from inaction attributable to you and your office. Although we surely have rights and remedies available at law, we are looking to the City to stop with its clear abrogation of duty to act on behalf of the greater public interest.

***To reiterate, our company, along with others, will financially support an alternative and more humane setting for the homeless; but we will no longer stand still while this unruly program runs unabated on our streets. On point, our company already donated \$1,600 to PATH so they could interview the attendees of the food line. In notable part, PATH found that nearly 1/3 of these people were NOT homeless, while 80% reported substance abuse issues and 90% reported mental health issues. If we were a school, the Dolby Theater during the Academy Awards, or any other high-profile tourist site, this program would have been shut down long ago. It is not our duty to find another location, or a plausible excuse for the City to do nothing while this program continues to wreak with apparent impunity. Enough said.***

Please read this letter in harmony with my several other letters in this regard, the substance of which is reiterated hereby and made a part hereof.

Mr. Landreth is copied above, as well as John Eckman, President of the Board of Directors of Special Services for Groups, the non-profit organization under which the food line operates (via fax), and Bob Dell, Managing Partner of Latham & Watkins.

Yours truly,

Rick Howard

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